

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL CULTURAL FUND
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount available at present under National Cultural Fund instituted in 1996;
- (b) the amount given to each State from this fund;
- (c) whether the Government have asked the State Governments to set up similar cultural fund in their respective States;
- (d) if so, whether the Government will give I.T. exemption for the contribution made under the State Cultural Fund; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of Tourism and Culture (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a) The total amount available at present under the National Culture Fund is Rs. 9.45 crores.
- (b) The funds are allocated project-wise depending upon the Memorandum of Understanding signed with different Corporate Houses, private bodies and individuals, etc. The NCF does not allocate funds State wise.
- (c) No Sir, any initiative in this regard, will have to be taken by the State Governments based on their own requirements.
- (d)& (e) Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, Central Board of Direct Taxes have received suggestions from certain State Governments for providing 100% deduction in respect of donations made to State Cultural Funds. However, 100% deduction has been restricted to only Central Funds or those funds of the State Governments having the objective of disaster management or medical relief only. In any case, State Cultural Funds can apply to the concerned Commissioner of Income Tax for claiming 50% deduction on donations made.